

**MINUTES  
CITY OF ISANTI  
CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 16, 2011  
ISANTI CITY HALL**

Mayor Wimmer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Mayor George Wimmer, Councilors Jim Kennedy, Sue Larson, Steve Lundeen and Ross Lorinser.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Lorsung, Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk Irene Bauer, City Attorney Clark Joslin, Finance Director Kristi Smith, Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk Karissa Henning, Economic Development Director Sean Sullivan, Police Chief Ron Sager, City Planner/Parks Coordinator Lisa Wilson and City Engineer Brad DeWolf

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**E. Proclamations/Commendations/Certificate Awards**

**1. Commendation to Sean Sullivan**

Mayor Wimmer presented a commendation to Sean Sullivan for taking on additional responsibilities in the absence of the Park and Recreation Coordinator.

Mayor Wimmer presented a commendation to Don Lorsung for taking on additional responsibilities in the absence of the City Planner.

Mayor Wimmer presented a commendation and plaque to Irene Bauer for over 22 years of exemplary service to the City of Isanti and its residents. Mayor Wimmer made comment that Irene has held numerous positions within the City of Isanti and congratulated Bauer on her upcoming retirement.

**F. Approve City Council Minutes**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Larson to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 City Council meeting and City Council Budget Work Session. Motion carried unanimously.

## **G. Citizens Input**

Aaron Andrews 809 Isanti Parkway inquired about costs for the proposed Bluebird Amphitheater. Mayor Wimmer made comment that it could be up to \$150,000. DeWolf the City Engineer will follow-up on the costs.

Kevin Domagalla in representation of the 2011 – 2012 Ambassador Program Committee discussed the purposes of the request form for an Ambassador appearance at events and there was discussion on the Ambassador information provided for the Isantian Newsletter.

Ron Bush from Jackson Drive brought attention to the flooding on Jackson Drive. DeWolf the City Engineer will follow-up on this matter.

## **H. Announcements**

Announcements were read.

## **I. Council Committee Reports**

Councilor Larson reported on:

- **Liquor Store Committee**
  - Wine training and tasting
  - Viking Cheerleader appearance (December 3, 2011 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.)
- **Historic Committee**
  - Sidewalk sales (August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>)
- **Proposed landscape project by the Chamber**
- **Arena Board**
  - Ice time starts this week
  - Owl's Opener scheduled in September with a band and tailgate party before the game
- **Isanti Area Friends of the Library**
  - Will have a booth at the Lake State Federal Credit Union Community BBQ on August 19, 2011 (11:00 – 1:30 p.m.)
  - Continuing to work on memberships and advertising through social media
- **Community Education Advisory Council**
  - Safety Camps
- **League of Minnesota Building Committee**
  - Accepted a bid for re-roofing the League Building
- **Fire Board**
  - Discussion regarding becoming their own standing entity

Mayor Wimmer reported on:

- **Progress of City of Isanti and City of Cambridge agreement to manage the bike/walk trail**
- **Bolton and Menk Water Meter Grant**
  - Grant was approved, this grant will cover around 25% of the cost for new water meters

**J. Public Hearings**

None were scheduled.

**K. Business Items**

**1. Resolution No. 2011-193 Awarding Municipal Auditing and Financial Services Bid From Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP and Approval of 2011 Single Audit Engagement Letter**

Smith recommended the approval of Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP's proposal for the City auditing services. There was comment that the City had received five proposals for the City's audit services and that Abdo, Eick & Meyers, LLP received the highest amount of points on the ranking evaluation sheet.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution No. 2011-193 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Resolution No. 2011-194 Adopting Amendment to the Purchasing Policy**

There was comment that this was for the Buy American provision and that it did not work out; this amendment will remove the Buy American provisions.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-194 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Resolution No. 2011-195 Resolution Authorizing the Use of Forfeiture Funds and Funds from Fund 920 (Replacement Funds) for the Purchase of a Squad Car for the Police Department**

An Isanti Police Department vehicle is past due for replacement and is having mechanical issues. There was comment that the Officers put in hard work which builds up the forfeiture funds and that the forfeiture funds save the City a lot of money.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Resolution No. 2011-195 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. Resolution No. 2011-196 Approving (or Denying) the Interim Use Permit as Requested by Greg Stankey and Danielle Holm to Permit a Residential Kennel on the Property Located at 813 Cedar Street SW**

A petitioner had submitted an application requesting a Residential Kennel License for the property. The petitioner has written permission through a lease to have the dogs on site and has not had any animal code violations on the property.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-196 approving the Interim Use permit for a Residential Kennel. There was a split vote on the Kennel Permit 4-1-0 Lorinser.

**5. Ordinance No. 517 Amending the Code for the City of Isanti, Chapter 87, Animals, Article II Dogs**

The amendment to the code would provide for further notification of adjacent property owners or occupants of kennel license requests and provides them with the opportunity to provide written comment on the requests.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve Ordinance No. 517 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Resolution No. 2011-197 Rejecting Bid for the Demolition of a Building**

Lorsung made comment that the City only received one bid for the demolition of the vacant structure at 11 Isanti Parkway NW by Veit & Company Inc. for \$9,600. This bid was reviewed by the City Engineer and Finance Committee; the rejection of the bid is recommended due to its high cost.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to approve Resolution No. 2011-197 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. Discussion on a 15% Military I.D. Discount Proposal**

Lundeen made comment that many Liquor Stores offer a 15% Military I.D. discount for those carrying a Military I.D. Mayor Wimmer recommended this go through Liquor Store Committee or Finance Committee and for the Committee to look at the financial impact to the City and report back to Council.

Motion by Kennedy, second by Larson to direct this matter to the Liquor Store Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**L. Consent Agenda**

1. Consider Accounts Payable in the Amounts of \$209,001.88 and Payroll in the Amount of \$69,628.88
2. Approval of July, 2011 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes
3. **Resolution No. 2011-198** offering Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk position to Ashley LeVessuer
4. **Resolution No. 2011-199** offering Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk position to Jeanette Manore
5. **Resolution No. 2011-200** Approving Donation Box at Liquor Store
6. **Resolution No. 2011-201** Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement Between the City of Isanti and the City of North Branch for the Sharing of Equipment and Personnel Resources
7. **Resolution No. 2011-202** to Declare Certain Property as Surplus and Authorize its Disposal
8. **Resolution No. 2011-203** Accepting Part-Time Liquor Store Clerk III Resignation

Motion by Kennedy, second by Lundeen to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**M. Consent Agenda**

1. Closed Session 49ers Contract Negotiations
2. Open Session 49ers Contract Negotiations

**Resolution No. 2011-204 Authorizing the Acceptance of the Agreement Between the City of Isanti, MN and the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) Local No. 49 AFL-CIO**

Joslin provided a summary of the closed session whereas the terms of the proposed agreement between the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 49 representing the Public Works Department were discussed and questions were asked about the negotiations.

Motion by Lorinser, second by Kennedy to approve Resolution 2011-204 accepting the Labor Agreement between the City of Isanti, MN and International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 49 AFL-CIO. Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lorinser, second by Lundeen to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karissa Henning  
Human Resources/Deputy City Clerk